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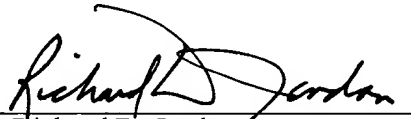
The above amendments have been made to place the claims in standard U.S. format. In addition, claim 17 has been cancelled and claims 18-22 have been added.

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